

#### THE LOMAX CHURCH OF CHRIST

## MESSENGER

A place to belong. A place to be loved. A place to serve God and others.

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### <u>Hope</u>

As it seems we are beginning to go back to normal life a bit with school opening, we are troubled with worries but filled with hope.

Hope does not put to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For while we are still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly (Rom. 5:5-6).

How does God communicate this confident hope to our hearts? This sounds like a supernatural work, but it is grounded in historical reality.

First, note that the confident hope we have because of God's love is shed in our hearts through the death and resurrection of Christ. This is a real verifiable event. Jesus really did die and he really was raised. Virtually no serious scholar denies that Jesus died. There is simply too much evidence. The only question is that of the resurrection of the crucified Lord. 1 Corinthians 15 points us to the evidence of continued faith (15:1-2); Scriptural evidence (15:3-4); and the appearances of the resurrected Christ (15:5-11). These are real historical events and they crystalize our hope in God and our confession of God's love for us.

Second, Paul said we should be confident in God's love because of the "Holy Spirit who has been given to us." The Holy Spirit is given to us as a downpayment (Acts 2:38; 5:32; Eph. 1:14; 1 Cor. 3:16, 6:19). The Holy Spirit continues to speak to us through the Scriptures (2 Tim. 3:16). In the words of the Scriptures, God's love continues to shine through the darkness in the world and in our own hearts. The Spirit said, "The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith" (1 Tim. 1:5).

Christians, God is pouring his love into our hearts. We should have confidence. We should be joyful. We should look beyond suffering to the joys of Heaven. We should rejoice now, even in trials, because we are saved and God loves us.

D.L. DeBord

### Welcome to Lomax!

### A special welcome to our guests!

We are glad to have you visiting with us today! You are welcome here. We know you have a choice of where to worship, and you chose to be with us today — thank you.

At Lomax we want to be the church we read about in the Bible. Our goal is to glorify God with our worship and with our lives and to point people to Jesus Christ.

If you need anything during the service, ushers in the lobby can direct you to restrooms, the nursery, or a telephone. Please do us the favor of filling out a blue card located on the back of the pew in front of you. If you have any questions or if we can help



# In Our Thoughts & Prayers

**Sick:** *Tom Iverson* is now at home after a few days in the hospital. **Jan Ammons** had successful surgery and is now at home recovering. Janice Johnston had successful surgery at Williamson Medical and hopes to come home in a few days. **Deena Reeves** will have knee surgery July 31st. **Donald Greene**, the uncle of Jessie DeBord has been diagnosed with cancer. Ronnie Carroll the husband of Donetta Carroll is now at home from Maury Regional with kidney issues.. Antthony Turner, the brother of Sue Amacher, has been placed on hospice. **Keith Jackson**, the cousin of Sue Amacher had additional leg amputation surgery due to diabetes. Please keep all the patients, nurses and administration at our nursing home during the pandemic. Reported 5 confirmed cases at this time

Sympathy: to the family and friends of Arlene Flippo Williams, the niece of Mann & Betty Nutt. She was from Courtland, Alabama. **Sympathy:** to the family and friends of **Ann Kittrell**, the wife of former Lomax Minister Fred Kittrell. Funeral was 8-1 at Swiss Cemetery Yogie Spears helped officiate.

**Continue to remember:** June Bates—Life Care of Centerville, Harper Bastin, Bernard Curry, Barbara Eglinton, Rochelle Ely, Dustin Flowers, Charles Hensley, Pop Hinson, Janice Johnston, Gene Kilpatrick, Jane Lawson, Lynda Bates Mercer, Barbara Meredith, Lisa Rawdon, Sarah Rogers, Howard Spears, Anthony Turner. Richard Whitehead and Charles Williams

Shut-ins: Glen Ammons, Bessie Edwards, Sharon Edwards, Michael Gray and Jimmy Griner

In Lewis County Nursing & Rehab Center: Gene Durham, Tiny Hinson, Michelle Huff, Tommy Shaw, Betty Stafford and Jane West.

Remember our military: Dustin Brugmann (grandson of Jim & Sharon Grinder), Kerry Conkle (grandson of Ralph & Sue Conkle), Jacob Fite (nephew of Tommy & Sandra Clayton), Kason Halfacre (son of Patrick & Vickie Halfacre), Cameron Hardison (nephew of Don & Barbara Meredith), Ethan Hardison (nephew of Don & Barbara Meredith), and Brent Willis (grandson of Harold & Janice Sublett).

We want to thank George Collison for taking over the upkeep of the roses.





### Food For Friends: August 6th Team 7 (Cynthia & Betsy)

If anyone can help deliver meals, be at the CSC at 10:30 am



**Our monthly Food for Families** distribution is Thursday, August 20th.

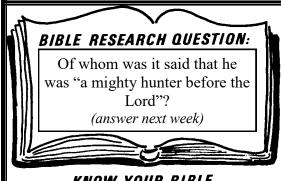
If you have not brought your grocery items in, please do so by Wed. morning if possible.

The Lomax Congregation has received a \$1,0000.00 donation this past week to go to the School Supplies Giveaway.

### A LOOK AHEAD

Aug. 30—Baby Shower for Leanna Owens.

Sept. 13—Friends/Family Day & Devo. At the Park



KNOW YOUR BIBLE

# Meditations with Malcom

A special welcome to all our visitors. We are glad you have come our way. Remember that Lomax is truly a growing church for a coming Lord. And remember that The Son always shines at Lomax. It is great to see our attendance increasing from week to week...I rejoice that folks are back in church and that choosing to stay home is not an option. I also rejoice that our children are back in school and thanks to our teachers for their special help and thanks to our elders for helping get people back to church.

**DON'T BE AFRAID**: "Even though I walk through the valley Of the shadow of death I will fear no evil..." Yes, we may live in troubled times but we rejoice in the Lord always.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: "wife to husband on bus. These three men offered me their seats." He: "Did you take them?" He: "What have you ever done to benefit humanity?' She: "I married you didn't I......She: Do you love me enough that you would die for me?" He: "No, dear. Mine is undying love.:

**WORDS OF WISDOM;** A man was working in his garden while sitting in his chair. Some complained until they saw leaning against his chair were a pair of crutches.

# Boo's belyeu

Primetimer class Wednesday at 10 AM we have moved to the auditorium to give us more space for social distancing. We have also encouraged our primetimer class to wear a mask. This week we had invite a friend day. Everyone needs a friend.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 "Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up." Aren't you glad for church friends who lift us up who know the true meaning of life is to serve God. Proverbs 17:17 "A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity." We refer to each other as brothers & sisters in Christ. How appropriate when we face adversity we can lean on each other in Christ. Remember to be that friend that helps to lift another, who sticks by another in adversity.



### **Birthdays**

3<sup>rd</sup> – Sherrie Anderson 4<sup>th</sup> – Boyd West 5<sup>th</sup> – Parker Carroll 8th—Donise Bates 9<sup>th</sup> – Jane West 13th—Hilda Durham 13<sup>th</sup> – Don Meredith 14<sup>th</sup> – Crystal Swinea 17<sup>th</sup> – Donnie DeBord 18<sup>th</sup> – Lisa Amacher 18<sup>th</sup> – Alice Ammons  $19^{th}$  – David Sloan V 20<sup>th</sup> – Greg Amacher 20<sup>th</sup> – Devan Pierce 21<sup>st</sup>- Janet Johnson 21<sup>st</sup> – Wanda Vineyard 24<sup>th</sup> – Sherri Dye 25<sup>th</sup> – Debbie Pierce 26<sup>th</sup> – Gene Kilpatrick 26<sup>th</sup> – Sandy Tatum 26<sup>th</sup> – Luke Roberson 27<sup>th</sup> – Jared Long 29th—Chad Everett 29<sup>th</sup> – Angie Hunter



### **Anniversaries**

2<sup>nd</sup> – Greg & Anna Jones 4<sup>th</sup> – Jeff & Sherri Dye 11<sup>th</sup> – Brian & Simone Hinson 13<sup>th</sup> – Donnie & Jessie DeBord 20<sup>th</sup> – John & Karen Eglinton 25<sup>th</sup> – Don & Barbara Meredith 30<sup>th</sup> – Mike & Susan Parker

### BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 7/26

A.M. Bible Class 113

A.M. Worship Service 170

P.M. Worship Service 106

Wednesday PM 107

Contribution: \$6,602.30

Weekly Budget \$6,000.00

#### **Schedule of Services**

Sunday Bible Study — 9:00 am Worship Services — 10:00 am Sunday Evening — 6:00 pm Wednesday Primetimers - 10:00 am Wednesday Bible Study — 7:00 pm



Due to the Corona Virus, Buffalo Valley must stock clothes on site. They are in need of men's clothes. If you can help in this donation, see Saul Calderon or call at 817-905-5324.

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### **MINISTERS:**

Donnie DeBord – 628-9276 Malcom George - 796-0045 Robert Pierce—306-3109 Jeff Spears—306-1362

Lomax Christian Day School 796-7373

Last week's Know Your Bible Answer:

Nehemiah 13:7



Please continue to check out the Visitation Book on the Round Table in the foyer.

### **ELDERS:**

Jeff Dye — 306-8463 John Eglinton—446-5646 Rick Morrow —615-430-6663 Mike Parker—628-2961 (Please leave a message) Dan Spears — 796-3056

### **DEACONS**

Lynn Ammons (Worship Assign., Grounds) Wesley Carroll (Transportation, Day School) **Matthew Farr** (Special Events) **Colby Hamm** (Young Families Ministry) **Chris Hunter** (Visitation) **Greg Mullinicks** (Audio/Visual, Bulletin) **Chuck Oppermann** (Missions) **Garth Richardson** (Youth, L2L) **Jeff Spears** (Education) Marty Spears

(Finance)



We want to congratulate Krislyn Hinson who was baptized into Christ on July 19th. Krislyn is the daughter of Kevin Hinson and the niece of Jeff & Gwen Hinso

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